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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of January 18, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application in view of the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin at page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.